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SUBJECT: EXCHANGE OF FRG MILITARY ATTACHES WITH MOSCOW
AND PEKING

SUMMARY: THE BUNDESTAG BUDGET COMMITTEE APPROVED ON
JAN 16 FUNDS FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF FRG MILITARY ATTACHES
IN MOSCOW AND IN PEKING. ACCORDING TO FOREIGN OFFICE
AND DEFENSE MINISTRY SOURCES, HOWEVER, THIS DOES NOT
MEAN THAT ACTUAL EXCHANGE OF MILITARY ATTACHES WITH THE
SOVIETS OR THE CHINESE IS IMMINENT. END SUMMARY.

1. FRG AND USSR EXCHANGED NOTES IN MOSCOW ON 20 FEB
1974 STATING AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE THAT MILITARY
ATTACHES WOULD BE EXCHANGED BETWEEN BONN AND MOSCOW. IN

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OVER YEAR OF TALKS SINCE THEN TO REACH AGREEMENT ON

DETAILS THE STICKING POINT HAS BEEN AND, ACCORDING TO FRG FOREIGN OFFICE DESK OFFICER FOR USSR, CONTINUES TO BE THE PRACTICAL ONE OF HOUSING AND OFFICE SPACE FOR GERMAN ATTACHES IN MOSCOW. DESK OFFICER HAS TOLD US THAT FRG EMBASSY COMPOUND IN MOSCOW IS TREMENDOUSLY OVERCROWDED BUT BONN ADAMANT THAT MILATTS WILL BE LOCATED THERE. ONLY SOVIET PROPOSAL RE SPACE HAS BEEN THAT MILATTS BE LOCATED OUTSIDE COMPOUND. FRG COUNTER PROPOSAL THAT ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL FUNCTIONS BE MOVED OUTSIDE TO MAKE SPACE FOR MILATTS HAS NOT MET WITH POSITIVE SOVIET RESPONSE OR WITH ANY OFFER OF SPACE. THERE HAS ALSO NOT BEEN ANY PROGRESS ON QUESTION OF LIVING QUARTERS IN MOSCOW. DESK OFFICER SAID FRG IS NOT PUSHING EXCHANGE, BUT HOPES IT MIGHT BE ACCOMPLISHED SOME TIME IN 1975. HE NOTED THAT MOSCOW SEEMED TO BE MORE INTERESTED IN THE EXCHANGE THAN BONN BUT ALSO WAS NOT PUSHING THINGS. OFFICER SAID APPROVAL OF BUDGET FOR MILATTS IN MOSCOW AND IN PEKING BY BUNDESTAG BUDGET COMMITTEE AMOUNTS ONLY TO ROUTINE ACTION AND HAS NO SPECIAL SIGNIFICANCE AS TO TIMING OF FINAL AGREEMENT AND ACTUAL EXCHANGE WITH PRC AND USSR. THE ABOVE INFORMATION HAS BEEN BASICALLY CONFIRMED BY FRG DEFENSE MINISTRY SOURCE TO DAO OFFICER.

2. REGARDING RESTRICTIONS WHICH FRG WILL PLACE ON USSR MILATTS (AND ON OTHER SOVIET EMBASSY PERSONNEL AS WELL), FRG OFFICIALS HAVE AGREED IN PRINCIPLE TO IMPOSE THE REQUIRED RESTRICTIONS TO PROTECT PRAS AND TRAS AND DISCUSSIONS ARE GOING FORWARD REGARDING ACTUAL SYSTEM OF CONTROL.

3. DIRECTOR OF FONOFF'S ASIAN DEPARTMENT SAID THAT INITIATIVE FOR EXCHANGE OF ATTACHES WITH PRC HAD COME FROM CHINESE AND THAT FRG INTEREST WAS AT MOST LUKE WARM. HE THOUGHT UNAVAILABILITY OF SUITABLE QUARTERS IN PEKING WOULD PREVENT ANY VERY RAPID MOVEMENT. HILLENBRAND.

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